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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b),  
AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and be considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed before the mailing date of a first office action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 is as follows:

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**DE 195 36 699 A1**

This patent teaches an accelerator pedal module for controlling the output of a vehicle engine. With previously known transmitters actuated by the driver's foot in order to control the engine output, a separate friction element is additionally required to generate frictional hysteresis so as to attain a pleasant driving sensation. With the accelerator pedal module (1) proposed according to the invention, the friction for achieving frictional hysteresis occurs directly at the point (9) at which the pedal lever (3) is mounted. In this way, the number of components required is considerably reduced.

**US 6,070,490**

This patent is in the same family as DE 195 36 699 A1 and is provided as an aid to the examiner.

**FR 2 796 174**

This patent teaches a pedal mounting for operating hydraulic clutch and brake controls in motor vehicles. The pedal mounting is in the form of a plate with hydraulic cylinders (13,14) molded integrally with the plate, and passing through the plate. The pedal (10a,b) is mounted (9) on the side of a bracket (27) projecting from the surface of the base plate (1).

**EP 0 515 331 A2**

This patent teaches an easily assembled pedal unit for operating microswitches or pneumatic valves. The pedal unit comprises a bottom element supporting a driving element with fork-shaped seats. The seats are opened at the top for pivotally engaging a pedal element. The pedal element is provided with a leg adapted to cooperate with the driving

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element. The pedal unit further comprises an outer protecting casing within which the bottom element can be engaged and held by snap engaged means. This provides a stable pivotal connection of the pedal element in the fork-shaped seats.

**DE 100 42 549 A1**

This patent teaches a system in which a pedal lever controls an engine (3). Comprised is a bearing block (13) supported by bearing capsules (17,18) with conical friction surfaces. The bearing capsules are arranged coaxially to the rotational axis and tightened axially against each other. The conical friction surfaces of the bearing capsules are connected with the pedal lever to secure the pedal lever from turning with the bearing block.

**EP 1 428 714 A1**

This patent teaches an accelerator pedal module. Part (104) of a sensor shaft (100) for a rotary sensor (102) is set up to rotate directly in the bore (98) of a bearing for a bearing area (78) that forms a single piece with a bearing block (4). Part of the bearing area for a radially outer peripheral surface forms a bearing surface (74) for a pedal lever (2).

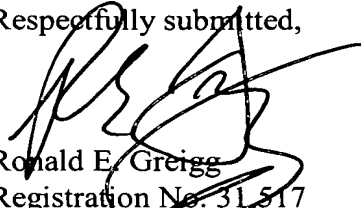
**US 2004/0149070 A1**

This patent is in the same family as EP 1 428 714 A1 and is provided as an aid to the examiner.

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Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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